ശ്രീ. പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി മേനോൻ: ആരുടേയും ആവശ്യപ്രകാരമല്ല. ഉല്പാദനം വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി മാത്രമാണ്.

ശ്രീ. എ. കെ. പാച്ചുപിള്ള: ഇതിലേക്കുവേണ്ടി ഗവൺമെൻറിനെ ഉപദേശിച്ചത് ഏതു വിദഗ്ദ്ധനാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

ശ്രീ. പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി മേനോൻ: റിസർച്ച് ഡയറക്ടർ ആണ്.

ശ്രീ അലക്സാണ്ടർ വാകയിൽ: ഇപ്പോൾ അവിടെ ആരെങ്കിലും കൃഷി നടത്തുന്നുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടിമേനോൻ: ഉണ്ട്.

Dr. M. O. Cheriyan: What is the total value of lemon grass oil exported from this State?

Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon: I claim notice.

Dr. M. O. Cheriyan: May I know for how long this lemon grass cultivation has been going on in this country?

Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon: I don't know exactly how long but I know that it has been going on for a considerable number of years.

PERUMBAVOOR JUNCTION

***173. [11] Sri. M. Varki:** Will the hon. Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) steps taken by the department in widening the Perumbavoor junction; and

(*b*) whether the work has been actually taken up and if not, why?

Minister for Public Works **(Sri. G. Chandrasekhara Pillai):**

(*a*) An estimate has been framed and work arranged. Land Acquisition is in progress.

(*b*) No. The work will be taken by the P.W.D. when acquisition proceedings are completed.

SOCIETY OF LEMON GRASS GROWERS

***174. [12] Sri. M. Varki:** Will the hon. Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the department has taken initiative in organising a society of the Lemon Grass Growers;

(*b*) whether the department has received any formal application for the registration of such a society;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) above is in the affirmative the action taken in the matter?

Minister for Education and Revenue **(Sri. L. M. Pylee):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No formal application has been received. But in accordance with the decisions made at a conference of lemon grass cultivators at Kuruppampadi, proposals have been forwarded to Government by the Director of Research for the organisation of a Co-operative Society to safeguard the interests of lemon grass oil producers.

(*c*) These proposals are under the consideration of Government.

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